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BOOK REVIEWS.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1659-60—1693. EDITED BY H. R. MCILWAINE, VA. STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. MCMXIV, pp. lxxii, 529, with full index.

In this volume, Dr. McIlwaine concludes the regular series of Journals, which begin in 1680, and prints such fragmentary orders, addresses, etc., as remain of the period 1659-60-1680. It is edited with the same care as its predecessors, and covering as it does, the period of the Restoration, Virginia's "Long Parliament," Bacon's Rebellion, and what has been termed "the critical period" of Virginia history, that is the last two decades of the 17th Century, is a very valuable addition to Virginia historical sources.

THE MCCLURE FAMILY, BY JAMES ALEXANDER MCCLURE; LIMITED EDITION. PRESSES OF FRANK A. OWEN, PETERSBURG, VA., pp. 232, with index, and several portraits, &c.

This is a most carefully prepared and comprehensive account of one of our old Scotch-Irish families, descended from James McClure, who came from the north of Ireland to Augusta County; but gives notices of McClures in Ireland, elsewhere in America, and shorter genealogies of the families of McClure of Botetourt Co., Alexander, of Augusta and Rockbridge, Baxter, Bumgardner, Halstead, Mitchell, Sproul, McCown, Pilson, Draper and Ingles, Gilkeson, Humphreys, Tate, and of two of the families, for there were several of each name in Augusta, of Steele and Wallace. The book is thoroughly well done.

A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, 1819-1841. BY THOMAS MAITLAND MARSHALL, Berkeley, University of California Press 1914, University of California. Publications in History, Volume II, pp. XIII, 266, with index and maps.

In this volume has been undertaken for the first time the presentation of a history of the negotiations of the boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, viewed in its entirety. The narrative of the boundary negotiations, with Spain, Mexico, and the Republic of Texas successively, lays emphasis particularly on the period after 1819, and is assisted by the inclusion in the text of many maps illustrating the various boundary proposals and also the several suggestions of a "neutral ground." There is also a large guide map, and a reduced reproduction of the significant

portion of the hitherto unpublished map of the Pichardo Boundary Commission of 1811.

THE CAPITOL DISASTER. A CHAPTER OF RECONSTRUCTION IN VIRGINIA. BY HON. GEORGE L. CHRISTIAN, OF RICHMOND. Sold for the Benefit of the Associated Charities of Richmond, Va. Richmond Press inc. [1915], pp. 46, with two illustrations.

The "Capitol Disaster" in 1870 was one of Richmond's most tragic happenings. Sixty two persons were killed and two hundred and fifty were wounded. The details of this event were fully recorded at the time; but the contemporary accounts are now out of print and Judge Christian has done well in preparing his vivid narrative It is the more vivid as he was one of those who went down in the wreck; but fortunately survived to do his state and city good service to the present day. Few but special students now know the details of that "chapter in Reconstruction," the contest of Ellyson and Chahoon for the mayoralty, which brought together the crowd, which caused the floor to give way. The author helped to fight the civil battles of our people in the Reconstruction days as he had done those of the war-time, and writes with the full knowledge of both a student of the period and a participant.

It is hoped that on account of the intrinsic value of the pamphlet and the good cause for which it is sold, it will have a wide circulation.

In saying that the popular rendition of Henry H. Wells's middle initial was Harpy, perhaps a more profane title refused to dwell in the honored author's memory; but it did stick in the perverse and wicked memory of a small boy that this "H" was more generally rendered Hellhound. And a memory still preserved from that small boy is that there was at the time a popular song containing some doggerel about "Up in a balloon boys,Sailing round the moon," and that at that exciting period the small boys (and presumably some elders) sang, joyously, a paraphrase:

"Up in a balloon boys
Up in a balloon
Sailing round the Station House
Shooting at Chahoon."

STUDIES IN SOUTHERN HISTORY AND POLITICS. Inscribed to William Archibald Dunning, Ph. D., LLD., Lieber Professor of History and Political Philosophy in Columbia University, by His Former Pupils, The Authors. New York Columbia University Press, 1914, pp. viii, 394.

This volume, which is a tribute of gratitude to Professor Dunning contains the following valuable papers: Deportation and Colonization; An Attempted Solution of the Race Problem, by Walter L. Fleming; The Literary Movement for Secession, by Ulrich B. Phillips; The Frontier and Secession by Charles William Russell; The French Consuls in the